

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, a non-profit based in Taylor, Michigan. Their over two decades of service and dedication to southeast Michigan's workers, businesses, and to the local community is worthy of commendation.

Since its founding in 1996, The Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) has helped countless Michigan residents find jobs each year. Through their partnership with local employers, hosting of job fairs and talent development programs, SEMCA has given thousands of job seekers the skills they need to succeed. Their youth programs and career planning tools have helped prepare the next generation for successful careers, and their veterans programs have ensured that those who served our country can find employment when their service is over and return home to Michigan. SEMCA has helped dozens of local businesses fill employment vacancies and has stimulated business development and encouraged entrepreneurship in our community.

SEMCA has provided Michigan residents with the skills and training they need to succeed in an ever-changing world. Those who come to SEMCA for support leave possessing the training and knowledge needed for them to get employed and begin their journey towards a lifelong career to benefit not only themselves, but their whole family. SEMCA's work has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Michiganders and has contributed to the economic rejuvenation of southeast Michigan, in the 12th district and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance. We are grateful for their impactful work and wish SEMCA continued success in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for Roll Call vote number 209, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 826 Divided Families Reunification Act, I would have voted Yea.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF HANFORD'S 130TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the birthday of my hometown, the City of Hanford.

The City of Hanford is celebrating the 130th birthday of its historic community. In 1877, the Southern Pacific Railway laid lines from the small towns of Goshen to Coalinga, and their path crossed through a Chinese sheepherder's small camp. This camp was the foundation of the present-day City of Hanford, which was named after James Madison Hanford, the auditor of the railroad.

James Madison Hanford advanced the small community by offering sales of town lots and grew Hanford to more than just a settlement. With the contribution of the railroad, Hanford became the trading center of the area and eventually, the bustling Central Valley town it is today. Today, Hanford has a population of 60,000 residents and is an agricultural and industrial hub within the region. Hanford is home to a diverse and growing population that not only honors their history but looks forward to the bright future.

The City of Hanford has worked hard to uphold the strong traditions and unique sense of community throughout its growth. Beloved historic sites throughout the city help citizens to remember the past while flourishing new enterprise demonstrate a promising future. It is an honor to represent my lifelong home and community, and I look forward to Hanford's continued prosperity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the City of Hanford on its 130th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BYRON BERLINE

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, Byron Berline, a genius of bluegrass music, passed away on July 10, 2021, after a lifetime of sharing his amazing talent on the fiddle and mandolin with millions of people worldwide.

Byron was born on July 6, 1944 in the small town of Caldwell in the 4th District of Kansas where he began to play the fiddle at age five.

After serving his country in the U.S. Army, Byron quickly rose to musical fame, winning three national fiddle competitions and becoming a much sought-after recording artist, studio musician, member of the National Fiddler Hall of Fame, and frequent festival favorite. Berline performed with the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, The Eagles, John Denver, Willie Nelson, Elton

John, Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs, Bill Monroe, and many other notable and international musicians. His talent was also featured on TV and movie soundtracks including Back to the Future Part II and Star Trek, to name a few.

Byron Berline's biggest fans were the thousands of people who attend the annual Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kansas, where Byron was a favorite performer on stage and in the campgrounds. He leaves a legacy of five decades of live and recorded music and joyful memories for all those who were blessed to enjoy his gift of fiddling.

EMERGENCY REPORTING ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1250, the Emergency Reporting Act, bipartisan legislation I co-authored to improve how the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reports on and learns from the impact of natural disasters on our telecommunications networks.

The human impacts of disasters are worsened when our communications infrastructure is not resilient and this is an issue Californians know all too well. On October 28, 2019, 874 cell towers were out in California, caused by wildfires and power shutoffs. My constituents were panicked about not being able to call 9-1-1 during emergencies, receive emergency alerts, download evacuation maps, or check-in on loved ones. This horrific situation led my good friend, Congresswoman MATSUI, and me to work on this legislation.

H.R. 1250, the Emergency Reporting Act, requires the FCC to hold field hearings after disasters, issue preliminary and final reports about each disaster, and ensure 9-1-1 centers know when outages will impact calls they may receive.

Wildfires are becoming more intense and more frequent because of climate change. Last year, the CZU Lightning Complex Fire burned 86,509 acres in my Congressional District, making it the 12th most destructive fire in California history. Seventy-seven thousand of my constituents were evacuated and the fire destroyed nearly 1,500 homes, businesses, and other buildings.

I've long called on FCC leadership to visit California and hold field hearings following the wildfires and associated power shutoffs, and many of my colleagues from California have done the same. We need to learn from every disaster, especially by listening to and learning from local public safety leaders, municipal, county, and state officials, and members of the communities impacted. This should be required.

Last Congress, the Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing on February

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27, 2020 on the Emergency Reporting Act. On March 10, 2020, the Subcommittee marked up the Emergency Reporting Act, and the full Committee did so on July 15, 2020. On September 21, 2020, the full House passed the bill via voice vote. Sadly, the Senate did not take up this critical bill.

On February 25, 2021, the legislation was reintroduced by Reps. DORIS MATSUI, MIKE THOMPSON, JARED HUFFMAN, GUS BILIRAKIS, and myself. Senators KLOBUCHAR and BURR have companion legislation in the Senate.

H.R. 1250 is critical legislation for Californians impacted by wildfires. It will also help those on the Gulf Coast victimized by hurricanes, Midwesterners who've had their communities destroyed by tornadoes, and those in the Northeast who have experienced far too many superstorms.

I urge my House colleagues to once again vote for the Emergency Reporting Act and urge the Senate to do so as well.

**CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF
THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN
WARS (VFW) POST 805 IN
O'FALLON, ILLINOIS**

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 805 in O'Fallon, Illinois. On July 25, 1921, 25 members of the United States of America VFW established the Erwin L. Dann VFW Post 805 in Waterloo, which moved to East St. Louis and consolidated with two other posts in 1927. Sergeant Dann, a Waterloo native, was 22 years old when he was killed during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive on September 26, 1918. A generation later, a separate group of East St. Louis veterans returned home from World War II and established SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 8475 on October 15, 1946. Sergeant Charles A. "Chub" Fricke was one of 18 employees of the city's Alcoa Aluminum Ore Factory who perished during the war. He was mortally injured by a mortar shell during the Battle of Anzio, passing away four days later at the age of 20. On April 29, 1987, the two posts were consolidated into one, based in O'Fallon. In order to preserve the legacy of both posts, they maintained the number from the longer-tenured post, 805, and carried the name from the other, SGT. Charles A. Fricke. Today, SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 805 has about 600 members and is the largest VFW Post in the 14th District of the Department of Illinois. Several times over the last 100 years, VFW Post 805 has been designated as an All-State and All-American VFW Post, including in 2021. In 2018–2019, Post 805 was selected as one of 61 posts out of 6200 worldwide to be recognized as a National Outstanding Community Service Post. One of the most active and successful VFW Posts in Illinois, members work together to serve and support fellow veterans, their families, and the community. They have organized blood drives and maintain one of the most active and prestigious Honor Guard and Color Guard teams in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Madam Speaker, please join me in hon-

oring the SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 805 on their milestone Centennial Anniversary. On behalf of Southern Illinois, I thank them for their service, and happy anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, my flight was delayed three hours causing me to depart North Carolina after the vote began. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 209.

**APPRECIATING DONALD
RUMSFELD**

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, America has lost a Patriot with the death of former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, the youngest Secretary when serving in the Gerald Ford Administration and the eldest in the George W. Bush Administration. His service has been successful in protecting American families by defeating terrorists overseas. The Wall Street Journal on July 1st, editorialized his dedication for America:

DONALD H. RUMSFELD

Few men have had more consequential careers in public and private life than Donald Rumsfeld, the senior adviser to three Presidents and business executive, who died Tuesday at age 88.

A conservative Midwesterner, he served in the Navy and won a seat in Congress from Illinois in 1962. Richard Nixon spotted his talent and brought him in as an adviser. His star rose quickly and he became chief of staff and then secretary of Defense for Gerald Ford, the youngest Pentagon chief at age 43.

Outside of politics, Rummy, as he was sometimes known, was the CEO of G.D. Searle, the pharmaceutical firm, from 1977–1985 and advised Gilead Sciences in its early days as a director and chairman of the board.

Rumsfeld was most controversial during his second stint as Defense secretary in managing the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He pressed the military to refine its invasion plans that in both cases achieved their goals quickly and with few casualties. But he underestimated the strength and nature of the insurgency in Iraq, and he failed to change strategy. President George W. Bush didn't help by failing to settle disputes between State and Defense. Mr. Bush replaced Rumsfeld in 2006 to implement the surge that prevented a U.S. defeat.

Rumsfeld didn't suffer naifs, or journalists, gladly. But we always enjoyed the give and take and learned a great deal listening to him. He was a patriot willing to challenge recalcitrant bureaucracies, which we need more of today.

**CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND
LEGACY OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
POLICE CHIEF ROBERT
BROWDER**

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Springfield Township Police Chief Robert Browder for his service to our community.

Chief Browder began his career in law enforcement in 1986 as a Police Dispatcher, before being sworn in as a Police Officer with the Golf Manor Police Department in 1988.

After spending over two decades in law enforcement, he was promoted to Assistant Police Chief of Springfield Township. He served as Assistant Police Chief for 10 years, overseeing all department operations, before being promoted to Chief of Police in 2015.

Throughout his distinguished career, Chief Browder has served the Hamilton County Association of Chiefs of Police as Treasurer in 2016, Vice President in 2017, and President in 2018.

In addition to his service in law enforcement, Rob is a dedicated husband and father. His accomplishments throughout his career attest to his integrity, perseverance, and moral strength.

Chief Browder served with diligence and honor throughout his career. I thank Rob for his service to our community. I wish him the best in his retirement.

**CONGRATULATING GARRETT L.
RESSING ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM FEDERAL SERVICE**

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House to join me in recognizing Garrett L. Rensing for his thirty years of outstanding federal service as a civilian attorney for the Department of the Navy's Office of the General Counsel (OGC). He lives in Southern Maryland, in the Fifth District, and I am honored to represent him and so many other talented and hardworking federal civilian employees in Congress.

Since he began his distinguished career with OGC in 1990, Garrett has held several attorney positions. Notably, he became a member of the Senior Executive Service in November 2008. In April 2015, he was selected to serve as the Deputy General Counsel, and in March 2019 he was designated Principal Deputy General Counsel. During his tenure in this last position as the Navy Department's most senior career attorney, Garrett twice served as the Acting General Counsel of the Navy—a presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed position—from March 2019 to January 2020 and again from January 2021 to August 2021.

Garrett excelled at advising the Secretary of the Navy during an unprecedented global pandemic. He provided steady leadership during a time of major change within the Department of the Navy and furnished crucial legal and operational advice necessary to move the Navy